

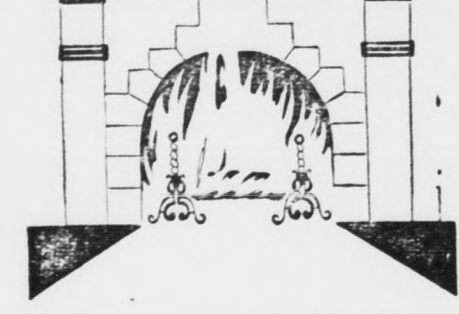
Famous Artist Sketches First Santa for U. S.

Thomas Nast Is Credited
With Pictorializing
Famous Character
In 1873.

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with pictorializing the first modern personification of Santa Claus.

Nast first depicted his notion of Santa Claus in 1863, in a cartooning, called "Man Smoking a Pipe and Dressing in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and above all has acquired an ermine.

The story of how our American version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend,



children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas, thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they and their friends.

Stories of St. Nicholas.

Wonderful stories of this great Fourth century saint, who gave handsome presents to good little children, were reported at the first of his death on December 6 and received presents in their wooden shoes.

These Dutch youngsters thought of St. Nicholas as a stern old man with a long white beard, garbed in bishop's robes and carrying a stick to chastise naughty children.

The little Hollanders coming with their parents to found New Amsterdam brought Santa Claus or "San Claus" as they said, with them. In no time the English colonial children whose fathers had taken over the Dutch settlement and renamed it New York caught on to this wonderful man. The English moved his yearly visit from December 6 to New Year's Eve.

German coming to America brought their Christmas customs; Christmas trees and Christmas candles burned in honor of the Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle."

At about the time that these festivities were making Christmas Day important, families beginning to spread across the country chose this celebration as a day of reunion.

Thus the Dutch figure of Santa Claus, the German traditions of Christmas and the English season of celebration became combined in one single holiday.

Christmas Card
Is Century Old

The centennial of the Christmas card is being observed this year.

It was in 1843—just 100 years ago—that the first Christmas card was designed and distributed.

It was a greeting card, and it was the creation of W. C. Dobson, a noted British artist, who was said to be a favorite of Queen Victoria.

Victor's Dobson, according to tradition, made copies of his card and sent them to friends in London and elsewhere in the British Isles.

The custom established by Dobson found numerous disciples. In 1846, an English nobleman, Sir Henry Calvert-Henley, to delight a Christmas card to his friend.

According to the story, Sir Henry Calvert-Henley received such a large number of holiday letters that he could not find time to answer them all.

As a means of solving this problem, he called in Horsley and asked him to design an appropriate card.

Horsley's first Christmas card depicted a Victorian English family enjoying the holiday. Except for the profusion of detail, the card is like many of the modern greetings.

The traditional "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" was inscribed on the card, with blank spaces for filling in the name of the sender and the recipient.

From this beginning a century ago, the custom of sending Christmas cards has spread across the ocean to the United States where it has become a traditional part of the holiday observance.

Making Colored Flames For Christmas Fireplace

Would you like beautifully colored flames in the Christmas fireplace? Here are a number of chemicals which may be added to shellac, or the chemicals and shellac mixed with sawdust.

Yellow flame potassium chlorate
Orange flame calcium chloride
Red flame strontium nitrate
Apple-green barium nitrate
Emerald flame copper nitrate
Crimson flame lithium chloride

Make Your Own Yuletide Wreaths

It's Fun for All and Offers
Chances for Clever
Designs.

COLORFUL homemade decorations that lend gaiety to the Christmas tree and help out any lack of store trimmings can be made from such commonplace things as egg shells, peanuts, pine cones, squashes and colored paper.

Eggshell trimmings offer a variety of decorative possibilities. The shells can be salvaged from family baking days by running a darning needle through the shell at both ends and blowing the contents out. If necessary, the egg can be enlarged so that a brilliant-colored string can be run through the egg, so that it may be strung

gaily on the tree.

Before stringing on the tree, shells may be colored all the hues of the rainbow, as at Easter time. Or designs in pencil on the shell may be made in the form of scrolls, leaves or figures. The designs may be filled in with colors, outlined with black crayons. Christmas seals pasted on white eggshells will be bright and tightly to keep them in shape. They can be painted gold or silver or any other color that will live on the tree and give the little folks a part in the decorative scheme.

Small green squashes painted with shellac or varnish so they will retain their freshness can be either strung to the tree or arranged around the base.

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COLORFUL DOTS

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The Western Federation of New Farmers of America held its first meeting of the year with the Carver Chapter of New Farmers of America at Appomattox last Monday at 1 P. M. The following counties were present: Buckingham, Campbell, and Appomattox. The Federation voted to conduct the following activities: athletic contest, oratorical contest, public speaking contest, quiz contest, chess, and a play tournament. The next meeting will be held with the Buckingham Training School in February.

An executive meeting of the Appomattox Club will be held at the Carver High School on this Thursday at 7 P. M. All members of the club are asked to be present and on time.

Your Cows will maintain a regular Milk supply if you follow a scientific feeding program - try KASCO.

"It is better to keep up than catch up."

We carry a complete line of Groceries, also feed for
beast and fowl - everything from goat pellets to baby
food, yes, hot dogs, too.

The Service Center

Appomattox, Va.

P. S. The vacant lot adjoining our store is intended for your tree use and convenience in parking - please make full use of it.

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Playtex Pants

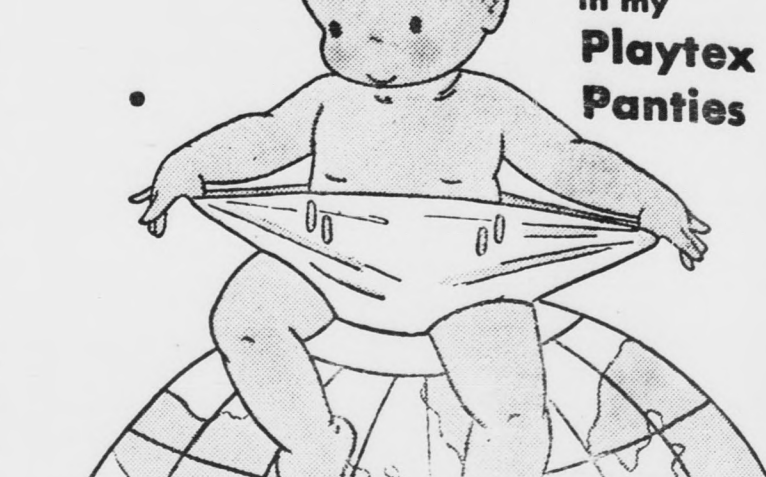
keep me "socially acceptable" Made of creamy liquid latex, they're tissue-thin, soft, cool. They're stainless, odorless, and non-irritating, and they'll outlast and outwash any pants you've ever seen! Small, medium, large, and extra large. Gift packaged. . . . 69c

Mail and Telephone Orders Filled

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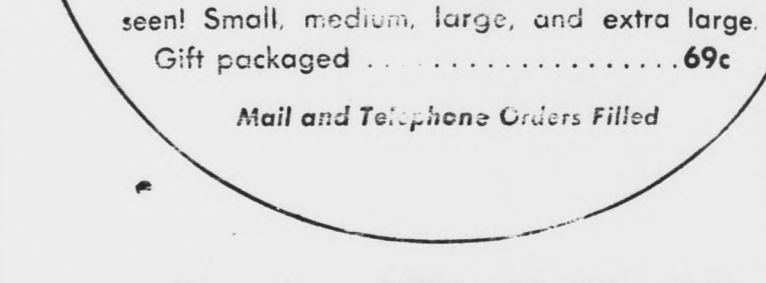
The Economy Store Appomattox, Va.

I'm sitting pretty in my Playtex Pants



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THE CAR THAT'S REALLY NEW!



1946 OLDSMOBILE

WITH MANY NEW ADVANCEMENTS

"Look to Olds For All That's New" Look to America's oldest motor car manufacturer for the newest, smartest thing in 1946 motoring. Oldsmobile has established this year on a new basis of reliability and performance. And it's truly New in every sense of the word. The appearance is different from any previous Oldsmobile with newly tailored lines, smart new front-end design, and newly appointed body by Fisher. The performance is new, due to smoother and livelier "Fire-Power" engines. There are many new advancements throughout the chassis to provide greater ruggedness and reliability.

Hydra-Matic Drive is new, too. First introduced by Oldsmobile in 1939, and thoroughly battle-proven in fast Army trucks during the war, this great General Motors development has now been made even finer, smoother, and longer lasting than ever. . . . for the new 1946 Oldsmobile.

You are invited to come in, see and inspect this great new General Motors quality automobile for the year.

Oldsmobile has been building quality automobiles for nearly fifty years. This is the finest—the best—built Oldsmobile of all time.

Auto crashes in Virginia showed increase during November.

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FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

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AAA County Committees will help each farmer plan the program for his farm. From a list of practices approved for Appomattox County, the farmer may choose those practices which his county committee will give priority to the needs of all farmers in the county, in line with the amount of conservation money allocated to the county.

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Alabama Boys on Way to Rose Bowl

Part of the Alabama football team watch Coach Frank Thomas autograph a war bond football. Dixie Walker, Brooklyn Dodgers outfielder, on extreme left, looks on. Alabama has been chosen to play the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

The Virginia Conservation Commission is attempting to secure a complete list of all Virginians who died while in the armed services during the Second World War, for a Gold Star Honor Roll. Fill out the coupon below and mail to the Times-Virginian, or Mr. Walter W. Scott, Appomattox, Va.

More Service Men Receive Discharges

The Local Selective Service office has released the following additional list of those who have been discharged from the service and have jobs to offer. The following veterans have received reports of separation from the service. Anyone wishing to contact a veteran, see the Reemployment Committee of Local Board No. 1, R. B. Higgins. It is the responsibility of the community to assist the veteran by offering them jobs when they are available.

William R. Harding
Travis R. Martin
Robert N. Patrick
Kuehn C. Johnson
Melvin C. Arrington
James M. Gull
Edward L. Magberry
Scott H. Hubbard
George H. Thompson
Curtis L. Mitchell
Alfred E. Jones
Robert C. Hubbard
George W. Daniel
Thomas H. Jaeger
John W. Sears
John W. Crava
Maurice J. Greer
Herbert H. Moore, Jr.
Norman H. Marshall
Tom H. Ferguson
Randolph N. Jones
George M. Banks
Ray D. Lewis
Wesley O. Jarrell
Alfred E. Marsh
Paula E. Eames
Theodore H. Phipps
Frederick Dickerson
John E. Eggle
Thomas H. Dickerson
Newton O. Williams
Joseph H. Price
John H. McGowan
Jerry E. Galt
John P. Jones
Henry A. Perdue
Charles H. Marshall
Clifford W. Childers
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Jessie J. Grubbs
John Miller
Berkley H. Gull
Charles C. Ranson
William E. Godsey
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Ollie K. Hammett
Kermit C. Paulette
Ryland H. Stapp
Francis E. Hamilton
William Rouse Mann
James E. Mason
Henry H. Beal
Dwight M. Paulette
Horace A. Reid
Berkley S. Carter
Clayton A. Harris
Thomas E. Walker
James E. Harvey
William D. Patterson
Richard L. Gowan
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Elsworth P. Carter
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John Sam Harvey
David E. Baldwin
Edward J. Gibson
Harry L. Camby
Jennings W. Conner
Warren C. Barlow
Clarence G. Doss
John Patterson Marshall, Jr.
Richard George Janata
Irving W. Buskey
James R. Coleman
Marvin A. Hearnall
Martin L. Webb
Lawrence T. Nash, Sr.
McKinley E. Gilliam
Garbrie E. Gilliam
Lincoln R. Martin
John Randolph Halycross
Warren Garland Crews
William B. Doss
Henry Junius Abbott
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John W. Hamilton
Edwin W. Johnson
Richard C. Blankenship
Osborne Jones
James H. Doss
Robert L. Jackson
John J. Huggins
Harry W. Jarrell
Ralph E. Harris
John J. Huggins
Charles W. Bryant.

Full name _____

Rank _____

Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard _____

Date of birth _____

Race _____

Next-of-kin's name _____

Next-of-kin's address _____

Next-of-kin's relationship _____

This coupon sent in by _____

Demonstration Club Schedule

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Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Wreck Island home demonstration club will meet in the home of Mrs. John Barnett at 2:00 P. M. The demonstration on table setting and Xmas decorations will be given by Miss Merle Dawson.

Thursday, Dec. 20.—The Pamplin home demonstration club will meet in the schoolhouse at 2:00 P. M. The demonstration on Xmas decorations and table setting will be given by Miss Merle Dawson.

Glendale home demonstration club will meet at 2:00 P. M., in the home of Mrs. Milton Nash. There will be a combination Xmas party and demonstration. The demonstration on table setting and Xmas decorations will be given by Miss Merle Dawson.

Spout Spring home demonstration club will meet in the home of Mrs. H. H. Cyrus at 7:30 P. M. There will be a combination demonstration and Christmas party.

Senate committee drops hearing on Hurley charges.

Patton files to bedside of husband.

FRESHMAN NEWS

Only a small percentage of the Freshman have returned to school since the reopening. Many of them are sick with the flu, but there has been only one case of scarlet fever.

Reporters: Virginia Carter, Margery Godsey.

Give Victory Bonds for Xmas.

The Norfolk and Western Railway allocated \$25,000 of its Victory Bond purchases to Appomattox County, it was announced today by the local committee.

Russia backs America as site of UNO organization offices.

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